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SUBJECT: DAUSCH-KUDRYAVTSEV LETTER ON SECOND MEETING OF
WORKING GROUP ON NEW TOWNS (10.06)

REF: (A) MOSCOW 2745; (B) STATE 43412, PARA. 3;
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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FEBRUARY 16 LETTER FROM DAUSCH
OF HUD TO ALEKSEI KUDRYAVTSEV, CHIEF, DEPARTMENT OF TOWN
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, U.S.S.R. STATE COMMITTEE FOR
CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AND ARCHITECTURE, 24 PUSHKIN STREET.
LETTER CONTAINS SOME COMMENTS ON THE JOINT REPORT ON NEW
TOWNS, AND AN INVITATION AND ITINERARY SUGGESTIONS FOR THE
SECOND JOINT WORKING GROUP MEETING ON NEW TOWNS MARCH 22 -
APRIL 2 IN THE U.S. IN REF. A, BORUNOV REQUESTED SUCH A
LETTER, THOUGH ORIGINAL DAUSCH LETTER HAD BEEN AIR
POUCHED TO EMBASSY FEBRUARY 17 FOR DELIVERY TO SOVIET
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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT. PLEASE CONFIRM IF ORIGINAL LETTER
AND ACCOMPANYING MATERIALS WERE RECEIVED BY EMBASSY AND
DELIVERED TO TEREENTIEV/BORUNOV.

2. "DEAR MR. KUDRYAVTSEV: THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST HELP-
FUL COMMENTS ON OUR DRAFT JOINT PUBLICATION. WE HAVE NO
PROBLEM WITH MOST OF THEM. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF

REORGANIZING THE MATERIAL INTO THREE SECTIONS AS CALLED FOR IN THE FEBRUARY 1976 PROTOCOL.

"WE AGREE TO INCLUDE DRAWINGS OF PLANS OF OUR NEW TOWNS. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU WOULD PROVIDE THE SAME. YOUR GRAPHICS RELATE ONLY TO IDEAL PROTOTYPES. WE WERE UNABLE TO OBTAIN PLANS FOR NAVOI, RUSTAVI, BRATSK, AKADEMGORODOK, SHELOKHOV, OR OTHER NEW TOWNS WE HAVE SEEN, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TOLYATTI OF WHICH WE WERE GIVEN AT LEAST A SKETCH PLAN.

"WE ALSO AGREE TO THE SIMPLE TITLE "PLANNING NEW TOWNS." PERHAPS WE SHOULD ADD A SUBTITLE: "A JOINT U.S.-U.S.S.R. PUBLICATION." WE WILL PLACE THE "SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS" IN CHAPTER I OF THE REPORT PARALLEL TO YOUR SECTION, AS YOU SUGGEST.

"WE WILL ATTEMPT TO COMPRESS OUR TWO VOLUMES INTO 160 PAGES AND LET YOU KNOW AFTER THIS IS DONE WHETHER OR NOT TOO MUCH SUBSTANCE HAS BEEN ELIMINATED. AT THAT TIME, WE MAY SUGGEST A REVISED LENGTH.

"ATTACHED FOR YOUR INFORMATION IS A COPY OF OUR FINAL PROPOSED REGULATIONS, AS PLACED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER FOR COMMENT. A FEW MINOR CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE IN THEM AS A RESULT OF COMMENTS RECEIVED, AND THEY ARE NOW IN FINAL PRINTING. A COPY WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS THEY ARE PRINTED. WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND YOUR REFERENCE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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"TEMPORARY MANAGEMENT OF NEW TOWNS."

"ALSO ATTACHED IS A COPY OF PAGES 3-47 THROUGH 3-70 OF OUR OLD DRAFT REPORT WHICH DEAL WITH WATER SUPPLY AND TRANSPORTATION. PERHAPS THEY WERE DROPPED FROM YOUR COPY. WE DO HAVE A SECTION DETAILING FREESTANDING NEW TOWNS: SECTION 1C, "RESOURCE BASED NEW TOWNS" P. 1-49. THIS WILL BE PLACED IN A SEPARATE SECTION. UNFORTUNATELY, WE DO NOT HAVE MUCH RECENT EXPERIENCE ON THIS SUBJECT AND CANNOT PROVIDE MUCH DETAIL.

"WE HAVE READ AND COMMENTED ON YOUR MANUSCRIPT PAGE BY PAGE. WE WISH TO COMMEND YOU AND YOUR CO-WORKERS ON THE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT WENT INTO THIS DOCUMENT. IT OBVIOUSLY REFLECTS THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH YOU VIEW THIS JOINT PUBLICATION. WE HAVE ALSO TRANSLATED AND REVIEWED THE 1975 CONSTRUCTION NORMS AND STANDARDS WHICH APPEAR TO BE THE MOST SWEEPING ENVIRONMENTAL AND TOWN BUILDING STANDARDS EVER PASSED WHICH APPLY TO AN ENTIRE COUNTRY.

"ADDITIONAL WORK IS NEEDED, HOWEVER, TO MAKE THE DOCUMENT

MORE UNDERSTANDABLE TO AMERICAN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL READERS. BECAUSE OF THE GREAT DIFFERENCES IN OUR SYSTEMS, MANY OF THE REFERENCES SIMPLY WILL NOT BE UNDERSTOOD BY THESE READERS. THEREFORE, OUR STAFF HAS PROVIDED THE ENCLOSED DETAILED COMMENTS FOR THE WHOLE VOLUME TO PROVIDE COMPLETE GUIDANCE IN MAKING YOUR REVISIONS. YOUR RESPONSE TO THESE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS WILL CLEAR UP MANY QUESTIONS WHICH THE U.S. DELEGATIONS HAVE HAD ON THREE TRIPS TO THE U.S.S.R. NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE DO NOT COMMENT ON OR ARGUE WITH SUBSTANTIVE CONCLUSIONS. ALL COMMENTS ARE QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS ONLY. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL BE SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS IN THE APPROACH OF EACH COUNTRY IN THEIR SECTIONS WITHIN THE BROAD FRAMEWORK OF THE FEBRUARY PROTOCOL
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OUTLINE.

"WE ACCEPT YOUR REQUEST FOR A WORKING GROUP MEETING AND STUDY TOUR FROM MARCH 22 TO APRIL 2 IN THE U.S. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ACCOMMODATE A 10-MAN DELEGATION ON THE TOUR. WE WOULD PREFER A 7 TO 8-MAN DELEGATION. ASSUMING THAT SEVERAL PERSONS ATTENDING THE WORKING GROUP MEETING WILL HAVE BEEN ON THE U.S. NEW TOWNS TOURS BEFORE, WE WILL AVOID DUPLICATION WITH NEW TOWNS ALREADY SEEN, AND COVER SOME "NEW TOWNS-IN-TOWN" AND A CROSS-SECTION OF TOPICS COVERED IN THE FEBRUARY PROTOCOL. WE SUGGEST THAT THE INITIAL THREE OR FOUR DAYS BE SPENT IN WASHINGTON, WORKING ON A REVISED PROTOCOL OR ADDRESSING ANY OTHER QUESTIONS WHICH INTEREST YOU. THOSE DELEGATES WHO HAVE NOT SEEN RESTON, COLUMBIA OR ST. CHARLES MAY DO SO, WHILE OTHER DELEGATES CONCENTRATE ON OTHER ISSUES. WE WILL ALLOW TIME FOR DISCUSSION OF DRAFTS OF JOINT INTRODUCTION TO THE "PLANNING NEW TOWNS" REPORT. WE ALSO PROPOSE TO VISIT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, WHICH HAS AN EXCELLENT REGIONAL PLANNING PROGRAM AS WELL AS JONATHAN, A NEW TOWN. WE ALSO SUGGEST THE DETROIT REGION. IT HAS A "NEW TOWN-IN-TOWN", THE RENNAISSANCE CENTER, AS WELL AS FAIRLANE, A SUBURBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH AN INNOVATIVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM. FINALLY, WE PROPOSE BALTIMORE, NOT ONLY FOR A PROPOSED NEW TOWN-IN-TOWN, BUT FOR ITS EXCELLENT CENTER CITY DEVELOPMENT. WE FEEL THAT IF WE RESTRICT OURSELVES TO THESE CITIES, WE CAN SPEND MORE TIME IN EACH CITY IN LIGHT OF PRIOR COMPLAINTS OF SOVIET DELEGATIONS THAT WE TRIED TO COVER TOO MUCH WITH TOO LITTLE DEPTH.

"PLEASE LET US KNOW WHETHER THIS ITINERARY APPEALS TO YOU
AND WHAT SPECIFIC QUESTIONS YOU WISH US TO ADDRESS. THAT

WAY, WE CAN TAILOR THE SUBJECTS COVERED IN THESE CITIES
TO YOUR SPECIFIC NEEDS. FURTHER, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL
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TO SEND ANY PROPOSED REVISIONS OF THE PROTOCOL IN
ADVANCE SO THAT THEY CAN BE TRANSLATED AND STUDIED IN
ADVANCE. SINCERELY, JAMES F. DAUSCH, DEPUTY GENERAL
MANAGER AND ADMINISTRATOR."
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